



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
October 14, 2005**

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: W.T. WOOTEN HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(School Fire Salvage and Restoration)

Description of Proposal: This is a helicopter logging operation to salvage burned timber after the School Fire and reforest with conifer and browse species for wildlife. There are 11,947 burned acres, with approximately 1500 forested acres to be salvaged in 35 sections. The goal is to remove salvageable timber from the burned area and replant both conifer and shrub species. In addition we want to remove all hazard or safety trees near access roads, power lines, campgrounds, Tucannon Fish Hatchery and Camp Wooten

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The project proposal is located in Garfield and Columbia Counties, Washington, approximately 15 miles south of Pomeroy, via Mountain road, Tatman Mtn. road or Tucannon River road or 25 miles east of Dayton and includes the majority of the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area.

The proposal lies within portions of Township 10 North, Range 41 East (Sec. 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36), Township 10 North, Range 42 East (Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33), Township 9 North, Range 41 East (Sec. 2, 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 20, 21, 29, 30 and 32) and Section 5 of Township 8 North, Range 41 East, Willamette Meridian. EastWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal**

for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: October 13, 2005

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: September 29, 2005 **SIGNATURE:** 

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